

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY  
MINUTES OF PARK MASTER PLAN WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

A meeting of the various Committees of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City to conduct a Park Master Plan Workshop was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Council Member Robert Gesell, Council Member Matt Seely, GPSIF President Brett Marshall, GPSIF Member Lynn Kurtz, Beautification Committee Chair Helen Bai, Parks Committee Chair Joe Cipriano, Parks Committee Members Jenny Rice and John Mueller, GPWS Little League, Karl Kratz Harbor Committee Member.

Also Present: City Manager Mark Wollenweber, James McNellis from Stucky-Vitale Architects

All items pertinent to this meeting are either attached or placed on file. Copies of the draft revised Master Plan were handed out and some present received them in the mail previously.

**BUSINESS ITEMS DISCUSSED, PUBLIC COMMENT**

It was mentioned that a new Parks Building was shown as a placeholder as its location would block a view of the lake. Putting a second floor over the existing pool locker room was considered a better alternative. It was suggested to get a sketch of what a second floor facility would look like. It was also suggested to include a fire place in the facility.

Discussions turned to the life of the existing pool and that it did not have the depth required for starting blocks for the swim team. There were several comments made that the pool should be fixed so that you could dive from both ends and that it should be redone to ADA standards and possibly expanded from 6 to 8 lanes as well as having a zero-entrance end. It was suggested that no parks building be done and that a new pool should be built instead. It was suggested that since the Ford House is constructing a new building, that an arrangement with them be made instead of building a new parks building. It was pointed out that there is \$10,000 in the GPSIF monies set aside from the Ford family toward a new pool. Members from the GPSIF mentioned they are likely to do a toddler playscape and that some screening like a big parachute be considered over the playscape area as well as the existing pickleball court be moved to nearer to the new tennis courts. It was suggested that copies of the plan with comments be sent to residents for their input similar to what was done in Grosse Pointe Park. Others suggested replacing the shuffle board courts with bocce ball courts and if not changed over, to allow kids to draw with chalk on the existing courts. The group felt that an

amphitheater should be kept out of Osius Park and that the hillside be used behind the ball diamond by the Schroeder Field House. A comment was made to keep as much green space as possible and that the sledding hill would work well for seating. At the Park with the new entrance that plantings be used to help keep people on the sidewalk. Questions were asked about when and how the new guard shack would be used and that the guard there open and close the gate arm for cars.

At the Schroeder Field House, it was suggested that the location of a new ice rink be moved to the north and that some sort of matting and benches be put out once a new rink is built and that specific rules concerning no hockey be developed. It was suggested that a bigger Field House be considered and shown in the plans along with a fire pit for more use in the winter.

Other ideas mentioned included a better fishing area and consideration for paddle tennis.

It was suggested that these ideas be sent on to those in attendance for comment. And be incorporated in the proposed Parks Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Mark Wollenweber  
City Manager